

MONTANA'S NOBLEMEN

Meeting of the State Press Association in Butte.

A MAGNIFICENT BANQUET

Half a Hundred Editors Gather for Pleasure and Profit—A Grand Time at the McDermott.

BUTTE, Sept. 3.—The Montana Press association held its seventh annual meeting—the first in Butte—in the city hall this afternoon. President Samuel Gordon of the Miles City Journal called the meeting to order about 3 o'clock, and in a neat and appropriate speech welcomed the members of the association and congratulated them on the advance in journalism in Montana during the past year.

At the conclusion of the president's speech the meeting was immediately devoted to the transaction of business.

A committee, consisting of Hon. Leo Mantle, J. H. Durston and J. M. Quinn, was appointed to draw up a set of resolutions in respect to the memory of the late W. J. Penrose.

The following communication from the Montana World's Fair association was read:

A. K. Yerkes, Secretary Montana Press Association.

DEAR SIR:—The editors of this state are respectfully requested to assist the World's Columbian association of Montana in their numerous duties by keeping the object and aims of the association before the people, and also have the citizens make special effort to obtain a creditable exhibit of the products of the state at the Chicago world's fair in 1893.

Letters of regret were read from the following members: L. Moulton of the Missoula Gazette, Charles S. Fee of the Northern Pacific Railroad, Dave Marks of the Helena Independent, and Louis De Lestry of the Helena Federalist.

C. S. Goodwin of the Salt Lake Tribune was heard from and he promised the party a royal good time during its stay in Zions capital, stating complete arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors had been made, and on their arrival a hearty welcome would greet them. The committee on arrangements submitted its report, and is as follows:

Banquet at the McDermott to-night at 9:30; a carriage ride and visit to the mines at 10 o'clock Friday morning; continuation of the banquet at 2 o'clock, and at 4:30 depart for Salt Lake.

The following new members were elected: Philip Julian, John Maguire, E. W. S. Tingle, B. E. St. Charles, Thomas Gault and J. H. Riley, all of Butte; W. Y. Hatch of the Big Timber Pioneer, J. H. Myers of the Deer Lodge Silver State, Ben Gardner of the White Sulphur Springs Husbandman, Walter Alderson, Post, Livingston; D. M. Carr, Anaconda Standard, and Jake DeHart of the Livingston Herald.

The meeting adjourned until to-morrow at 2 p. m.

AT THE BANQUET.

Scenes of Splendor in the McDermott—In Visiting Editors.

On entering the dining room of the McDermott, the guests were greeted with a scene of fairytale beauty and attractiveness. Two long tables, running lengthwise on either end in the hall were provided for seating the main body of the party, while smaller tables occupied the space between. The decorations were the embodiment of taste and elegance. Delicate sprays of smilax crept in and out among the dishes, while a coil of this all-spirited vine, draped down the center of the table. The beautiful board was almost hidden from view in a profusion of cut flowers, without any attempt at conventional decoration. Huge dishes of fruit mingled their various colors with the bouquets and bunches of flowers, augmenting this scene of enrapturing beauty and gorgeousness. At the sign of President Gordon the 35 happy newspaper men and their friends were seated, and a discussion of the delectable viands began.

The following ladies and gentlemen were seated comfortably around the banquet board:

President Samuel Gordon of the Miles City Journal, J. E. Widemeyer of the Glendive Independent, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hatch of the Big Timber Pioneer, J. M. Quinn of the Miner, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Robertson of the Boulder Sentinel, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Fell of the Bozeman Chronicle, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Yerkes also of the Bozeman Chronicle, Mr. and Mrs. Matt Alderson, the Bozeman Courier; A. B. Keith, the Helena Journal; Mr. and Mrs. John Armstrong, the Grantville Bugle; Mr. and Mrs. John E. Faulds, the Sycamore Tribune; J. C. Kerley and Miss Kerley, the Townsend Messenger; Mrs. M. A. Yost, the White Sulphur Springs Husbandman; Mr. and Mrs. George Alderson, the Livingston Post; Jake De Hart, the Livingston Herald; and Miss De Hart, Mr. and Mrs. A. Riley, the Dillon Tribune; J. H. Myers, Deer Lodge Silver State; Edward Butler, the Miles City Stock Journal; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Cooney, the Butte Mining Journal.

The menu was the acme of the printers' art; and their contents comprised dishes calculated to please the taste of the most fastidious.

MENU:

Selected oysters raw. Cherry, Consomme Royal, New Tomatoes, Olives, Chauds, Sardines, most home.

Spring Chicken, en cresson, Mutton, Tongue, amantia, Baked capon, Aspic, Filet de Boeuf, en bouillabaisse, Chicken, Champagne, Most of Chicken.

Chicken Salad, Mayonnaise Dressing, Fresh Lobster, Pate de foies gras, Charlotte Russe, Vanilla Ice Cream, Fruit Jellies.

Macaroons, Brand Wafers, Kisses, Cake, Fruit, Cake, Imperial.

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Nuts, Raisins, Fruit, Marshmallows, Biscuits, Hard Cakes, Cakes, Soft, Ice cream.

JOY TO ALL.

A Hearty Welcome to the Visitors—Toasts and Responses.

After all were seated John Maguire, Montana's noted theatrical manager, arose and said:

"I wish that the duty of addressing this association had fallen to some one else than me. The people of Butte have never gone out in such a cause as we now have. I am to-night addressing a representative audience. When I first came to Montana there were only two papers in the whole state; now this state ranks to any in the Union. I am this evening addressing a meeting of men who hold public opinion. Wendell Phillips once said there were two kinds of education, one is that of Harvard and Yale, and the other that of the New York Post and the New York Tribune. What a grand profession is yours; what a wonderful thing it is to have the world's panorama spread before you on your breakfast table."

Samuel Gordon, president of the association, was called upon by the toast master and responded in a happy vein.

He thanked the Butte Press club for its hospitality and kindness for the grand entertainment.

H. P. Rolfe was called on and said:

"There have been wonderful changes in Montana in the last quarter of a century. The greatest change that has been made is the change in the fortunes of men; men who a few years had nothing are now millionaires. I don't know of a single newspaper man who has made a money in the newspaper business. Yet we have papers that will compare favorably with any in the country. The Miner has a rich mine behind it; the STANDARD is a daily, the Independent is well helped and the Journal has some one to Russell for it."

Harry Collins of the Missoula Gazette had an original humorous poem for the occasion, which was received with laughter and applause.

The toastmaster imposed the task of making the next speech upon A. B. Keith of the Helena Journal, who highly entertained his hearers in an intimate style. Mr. Keith expressed his regret that the gentleman to whom the toast had been assigned was unable to be present to respond in person. He admitted the composite journalism that created an appetite for the banquet and that supplemented the menu with the grace and beauty of the newspaper world, as with the mould of public opinion. In his own experience composite journalism meant a mental struggle as to whether he should mount the pegasus of a political idea or bend his energies to the pen in prose. The ability to mean something without meaning it; or mean something without saying it; to clothe ideas in as delectable a dress as good English would permit, is one phase of composite journalism.

The speaker illustrated the difference between composite journalism and composite politics. Referring to the composite character of country journalism and its influential field, the speaker closed with a plea for composite efforts in behalf of Montana on the part of a united press.

Hon. Leo Mantle arose modestly from his seat when called upon by the toastmaster to respond. "There seems to be an impression in some quarters," said Mr. Mantle, "that Butte is a barren spot, but I want to state that the beautiful flowers you see before you were all raised within half a mile of the city."

Fifteen years ago this city was a small mining camp. Within the immediate vicinity of Butte are mines which, last year, produced gold and silver to the amount of \$14,000,000. After all, a city depends solely upon the people that compose it, and I must say that the population of Butte comprises a collection of greater generosity, sturdiness and ruggedness of purpose than any city I have ever been in."

The toast "Montana" was replied to by W. A. Clark. "I have just returned from the East," said Mr. Clark, "and I can assure you that I have no time in which to prepare myself for the task, but I consider it a filial duty for every son of Montana to be ever ready to speak a good word for the brightest star in the firmament of the West. Mr. Clark gave an interesting and graphic account of the trials and hardships incidental to pioneer life in Montana, and closed by thanking the press association for the honor forced upon him in asking him to speak."

Prof. J. H. Riley, assistant superintendent of the public schools, arose in response to the call from the toast master and spoke upon the relation of the public school to journalism. Mr. Riley gave his ideas concerning the training of the youth for the future duties of American citizenship. His sentiments were loudly applauded.

Colonel Sanders, who was present as a guest of the association, made one of the best, brightest and most entertaining speeches of the evening. He gave a description of the growth of the resources of Montana, and in an eloquent peroration prophesied great things for the future. "We have," said the senator in closing, "transferred the education of the youth from the schools of the future to the colleges and transferred it to the public press."

J. D. Ramsey of Glendive, secretary of the Montana world's fair commission, spoke briefly in regard to the labors in which he had entered and pleaded for the hearty cooperation of the press in the great undertaking.

"The last formal toast," said the toastmaster, will be 'The Ladies,' and I will call upon Mrs. M. A. Yost to respond to it."

Mrs. Yost arose, and in a few witty words, shifted the responsibility of making this speech upon the toastmaster himself. However, this important adjunct to the banquet acquitted himself in a highly creditable manner, and in a few felicitous words flattered the ladies.

The banquet was concluded by all hands joining in singing "The Star Spangled Banner."

Mr. George Woolston has tendered the Montana Press Association a banquet at Columbia gardens to-morrow at 11:30. Luncheon will be served at the gardens.

ONCE LIVED IN BUTTE.

Charles Warfield supposed to have resumed his old profession.

BUTTE, Sept. 3.—It was reported to-night that Charles Warfield of this city had been arrested for being one of the two road agents who recently robbed a stage on the line between Beaver Canyon and the National park. While nothing definite is known, the report does not cause any surprise among the old residents, as Warfield is known to have been engaged in that peculiar kind of business during the last days of his Montana life. Last fall he was arrested for complicity in a stage robbery in Jefferson county, some years ago. The charge against him was for robbing the United States mails, but as the robbers and not the mail, he was acquitted. He then began at 2 o'clock and will take place at West Centerville. Captain Reynolds will furnish the birds and has ordered a large number to accommodate the contestants in several sweepstakes matches that are arranged to follow the main event.

A Kingdom for a Railroad.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Sept. 3.—Two Chicagoans, Thornton and Strong, have contracted with the government to build a railroad from Managua to Matagalpa, via Rio Grande, 200 miles. The government concedes 2,000,000 acres of land with the privilege of using government railroad tracks from Carinto to Momotombo. Other valuable concessions are included.

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BURNED TO THE GROUND

A Fire at Fort Shaw Causes a Loss of Fifteen Thousand Dollars.

WORK OF A LITTLE CHILD

Editor Sheets of the Great Falls "Industrial" Tells of His Troubles With Mr. Moran.

Special to the Standard.

GREAT FALLS, Sept. 3.—A special from Fort Shaw says: A fire at 6:30 last evening burned the restaurant, two warehouses, postoffice and store buildings, the property of J. W. McKnight, the post trader. The loss is placed at \$15,000 with an insurance of \$5,000.

The fire originated by Mr. McKnight's little daughter, aged 5 years, dropping a lighted match into a can of lard. Owing to the dry condition and the scarcity of water and help, the flames gained rapidly and were soon beyond control. With the exception of a few articles saved from the store, everything was completely destroyed. A great part of the papers pertaining to the postoffice were burned.

STAGGS AGAIN IN TROUBLE.

Marshal Daum Did Not Give Him Permission to Carry Arms.

BUTTE, Sept. 3.—In the most reckless manner Tom Staggs this afternoon plunged himself into what may prove serious trouble. Sunday evening Staggs was with Dan O'Donnell, the famous witness in the case against Hickey, et al., when Dan O'Donnell received a trouncing from the irate father of a young lady whose company O'Donnell insisted on keeping against the wishes of the father. After the little affair was over O'Donnell related a sensational story to the effect that he had been set upon by friends of the accused men against whom he had declared sufficiently high the true facts leaked out and O'Donnell and Staggs were arrested for disturbing the peace. Their trial took place in the police court this evening and O'Donnell was found guilty and fined \$5 and costs. Staggs was discharged.

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Staggs had drawn a revolver on the man who assaulted O'Donnell, and being asked what right he had to carry concealed weapons, he said that he had received permission from Marshal Daum to go armed, as several parties had uttered threats against him. Marshal Daum heard of the statement made by Staggs, and said it was untrue. Staggs had asked him for a permit to carry arms, but the request had been refused, because the marshal had no authority to grant such permission to any person.

The barefaced statement of Staggs made the marshal wroth and he immediately filed information against the imaginative youth charging him with carrying concealed weapons. On this information Judge McMurphy issued a warrant and Staggs was arrested by Officer Swanson and locked up at the station. It is also possible that a warrant will be issued for him on a charge of perjury, in which event it will go exceedingly hard with the young man.

AN INDUSTRIOUS MAN.

Mr. Owsley Is Not Afraid of Work, but He Is Now Taking a Rest.

BUTTE, Sept. 3.—On the many men employed on the new Owsley block, none work any harder or more enthusiastically than does the owner himself of the magnificent pile. At present, however, he is taking a short rest, and for several days to come he will not lift and carry as he has done daily since the structure was begun. Yesterday afternoon he was assisting some men in moving a high pile of boards built up to bring the derrick sufficiently high so that some stone coping could be raised to the second story. In some manner Mr. Owsley lost his balance and fell to the ground below. In his fall he collided with a workman standing underneath him and the crushing blow to the stomach, as it struck him, a splinter, for Mr. Owsley is anything but a lightweight. The fall resulted in injuries to both men. Mr. Owsley broke several of his fingers and was badly bruised in nearly every portion of his body. He was taken to the hospital, where his arm was wrenched and twisted so that he has to carry it in a sling.

ENTIRELY NEW.

A Medical Discovery That May Prove Valuable.

BERLIN, Sept. 3.—While conducting experiments with a view of determining how weak a solution of cocaine would prove efficacious as a local anesthetic, Dr. C. K. Steigh of this city made rather a remarkable discovery. He found that a simple water injection under the skin with a syringe renders the flesh at that point insensible to pain. The effect of the water is to create a slight swelling resembling that caused by the sting of a gnat. The space marked by the swelling remains insensible to pain for some minutes, so that an incision may be made without causing the slightest pain.

RUSTLERS LYNCHED.

Cattle Stealers Reported to Have Been Lynched in Custer County.

HELENA, Mont., Sept. 3.—Much complaint has been made recently of cattle stealing. To-day news was received from Custer county that the cattlemen have taken the law into their own hands and have lynched Jerry Thompson, a notorious rustler, and his companions, who were caught in the act of changing the brands.

A Successful Opening.

GRANITE, Sept. 3.—The opening of the new Puck theatre was a great success, although the company was small. Levitt the lightning juggler, done some wonderful manipulating in his line. The flaming torches and the acrobatic work was greatly appreciated by the public as well as the managers, and the great Le Mons in his pedestal act on rollers and his marionette dancing was a big surprise to the Granite people and in fact stands without a rival. The programme closed with a three round glove contest by Tom Burnes and James McDonald who gave good satisfaction.

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WALKERVILLE NOTES.

A Pugilistic Encounter—Work of the City Marshal.

WALKERVILLE, Sept. 3.—City Marshal McIntyre is determined to look after the peace of the city and in a way that will forever make the burg a paradise to live in. Mrs. Driscoll got into a little misunderstanding with one of her neighbors and attempted to settle the matter in the old fashioned pugilistic way. A warrant for her arrest was sworn out on a charge of disturbance and the marshal effected the arrest. She appeared before Judge Cordell to-day and contributed \$1 and costs to the city treasury. Her husband, Tom Driscoll, got into an altercation with Mrs. Roberts, and as a result she smacked him with a broom. He swore out a warrant for her arrest and she in turn lodged a complaint against him. In both cases the charge was disturbance and Judge Cordell agreed to fix the thing up for the usual fine of \$1 and costs.

Mrs. Lavorn also has a weakness for defending herself in Walkerville's peculiar way, and as a result was arrested and arraigned to-day on a similar charge. She pleaded not guilty and is determined to fight the case to the bitter end. She will get a further hearing Saturday.

R. Thomas, the man reported to have been badly cut in a scrap in one of the saloons yesterday morning, was arrested to-day and a charge of disturbance entered against him. He pleaded guilty and enriched the city coffers by contributing the usual amount.

One of the laborers engaged on the sidewalk work was noticed by the marshal in the act of looting a horse with a shovel. The marshal informed him that such a thing was unlawful, and a repetition would result in his arrest. The fellow pleaded ignorance regarding the law governing the treatment of dumb animals but promised that it would not occur again. The marshal is determined to look after the welfare and safety of horses as well as that of the citizens, and the city council are determined to stay with him regarding such matters. There are a number of drivers in this city who are in the habit of whipping their horses shamefully and in an inhuman manner, and the marshal has been instructed to strictly enforce the ordinance dealing on such cases.

The work on the battery shaft of the Alice stamp mill is being rapidly pushed to completion and Major Hall hopes to have the mill running in full blast in a few days.

FLOUNDERING.

A Trust Company That Trusted Till It Failed.

BOSTON, Sept. 3.—The Suffolk Trust company, doing a general bonding and mortgage loan business, has gone into the hands of a receiver. It capital and surplus is tied up in western securities which, while they have value, cannot be turned into cash. It has \$162,000 owing depositors, against which the quick assets consist of \$150,000 in good commercial paper and \$10,000 cash.

About the Labor Troubles.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 3.—The senate did practically nothing to-day. In the house a resolution declaring the legislature powerless to abrogate the present lease of convicts was adopted after an excited debate. Another resolution, also adopted after a long and heated debate, calls for investigation of the conduct of State Labor Commissioner Ford and Representative Allemen, at Briceville, as asserting they were in a measure responsible for the trouble, as they aided and abetted miners by public speeches and otherwise. Representative Allemen took part in the debate over the resolution. An investigation will be made at once.

An Old Hunch.

CHICAGO, I. T., Sept. 3.—"Old Crow" the Cheyenne chief, who went to Pine Ridge agency a few weeks ago in search of the "messiah," returned yesterday, and is now engaged in detailing to his brethren the wonderful things he saw. Old Crow also visited Walker Lake, Nev. He reports all Indians in that region dancing and declares he will return in a week or two and persuade Christ to come here with him. His influence with the Indians here is rapidly increasing and he now has a large number of followers.

The American Hog.

BERLIN, Sept. 3.—The Reichs Gesetzblatt publishes an order to the effect that the prohibition of the importation of swine, pork and sausages of American origin shall no longer be enforced when such live pigs or hog products are furnished with official certificates stating they have been examined in accordance with American regulations and found free from qualities dangerous to health. The chancellor has sent instructions to the proper officials that an order be given immediately to that effect.

Blow Up the City Hall.

VIENNA, Sept. 3.—A dispatch from the town hall at Somers, 12 miles from there, has been blown up with gasoline. Later information states there were 200 kilos of gasoline stored in the cellar of the building, it being used in the manufacture of gas for the illumination of the town hall. Early this morning it exploded, completely wrecking the building and fatally injuring three persons who were in the immediate neighborhood.

Egan Apologized.

LONDON, Sept. 3.—A letter from an officer on an English warship, at Valparaiso, asserts Balmaceda insulted and quarreled with the American minister, Patrick Egan, and the French minister; that the latter refused to accept an apology, but Minister Egan renewed relations with the government under threats from Senor Godoy that if Mr. Egan gave Balmaceda trouble they would send him aboard an English warship.

Jim Hill's Trip.

GREAT FALLS, Sept. 3.—President Hill came in from the east this morning in his special car and spent the day in looking over the city and inspecting the coal mines at Sand Coulee. In the afternoon his car was taken to Helena from there he will go to the coast.

Dismissed by the Sultan.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 3.—The announcement was made to-day that the sultan has dismissed the grand vizier and president of the council, Kamil Pasha. Djavid Pasha, governor of Crete, succeeds him. Six members of the cabinet have also been dismissed.

His Awful Crime.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Sept. 3.—David Douglass, township treasurer at Youngstown, Ohio, was arrested to-night on a charge of embezzlement, it having been discovered he was \$15 short in his accounts.

MISSOULA NOTES.

Minor Happenings of Interest in the Garden City.

MISSOULA, Sept. 3.—Mrs. E. Edward Graves of Rockford, Ill., and her daughter who have been visiting Mrs. Graves' brother, Rev. Hugh Lamont, left to-day for Olympia, Wash., to visit Rev. T. J. Lamont.

W. H. Dickinson went down the Coeur d'Alene branch to-day to look after some of his mining property.

J. W. Wilson and Miss Josie Prescott were married yesterday afternoon by Rev. Hugh Lamont at the residence of Mr. Morrison at the old fair ground.

Engineer Klingburg is finishing the field work for the Canyon Ditch Company's proposed ditch to irrigate South Missoula, and on Saturday expects to have estimates of the cost ready to be submitted to the stockholders.

Duis & Crouch, the attorneys, have changed their quarters from the Higgins block to the First National bank building, where they have taken a fine suite of offices in connection with Hon. M. E. Rutherford. Mr. Duis, who has been in Wisconsin for a number of months on business, is expected to return early in October. Mr. Crouch is happy over the fact that on Monday the district court granted a divorce with \$300 alimony to Mrs. Jennie Scattergood, now Mrs. Jennie Fanning. The case was started about a year ago and was one of the first in which Mr. Crouch figured as an attorney after his coming to Missoula.

Register Fisher of the land office is to-day hearing testimony on a land contest. The land in question was taken up on a cash entry preemption by A. J. Jamison, and part of the same was taken up as a homestead by a Mr. Waylett. Commissioner Carter referred the matter to the local office with instructions to have Waylett show cause why a patent should not issue on the cash entry.

S. B. Ashby is in the city from his ranch at Potomac. T. F. Burnside, who has been up there a couple of weeks, came down with him.

The election on the bridge and sewer bond questions comes off next Thursday and people are commencing to discuss the questions to a considerable extent.

Three pretty larceny men were up before Judge Evans to-day. George Culver, who tried to steal the watch chain from Donley's yesterday, got 60 days. J. C. Smith, his partner, got 30 days, and James Burns who stole two left-foot shoes from Stabitzky's store last night got 90 days.

Geoffrey Lavell and wife of Butte are at the Florence.

Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Nicoles and their friends, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hopkins of Baraboo, Wis., went up the Bitter Root on a fishing trip this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Haddow of Butte are at the Missoula.